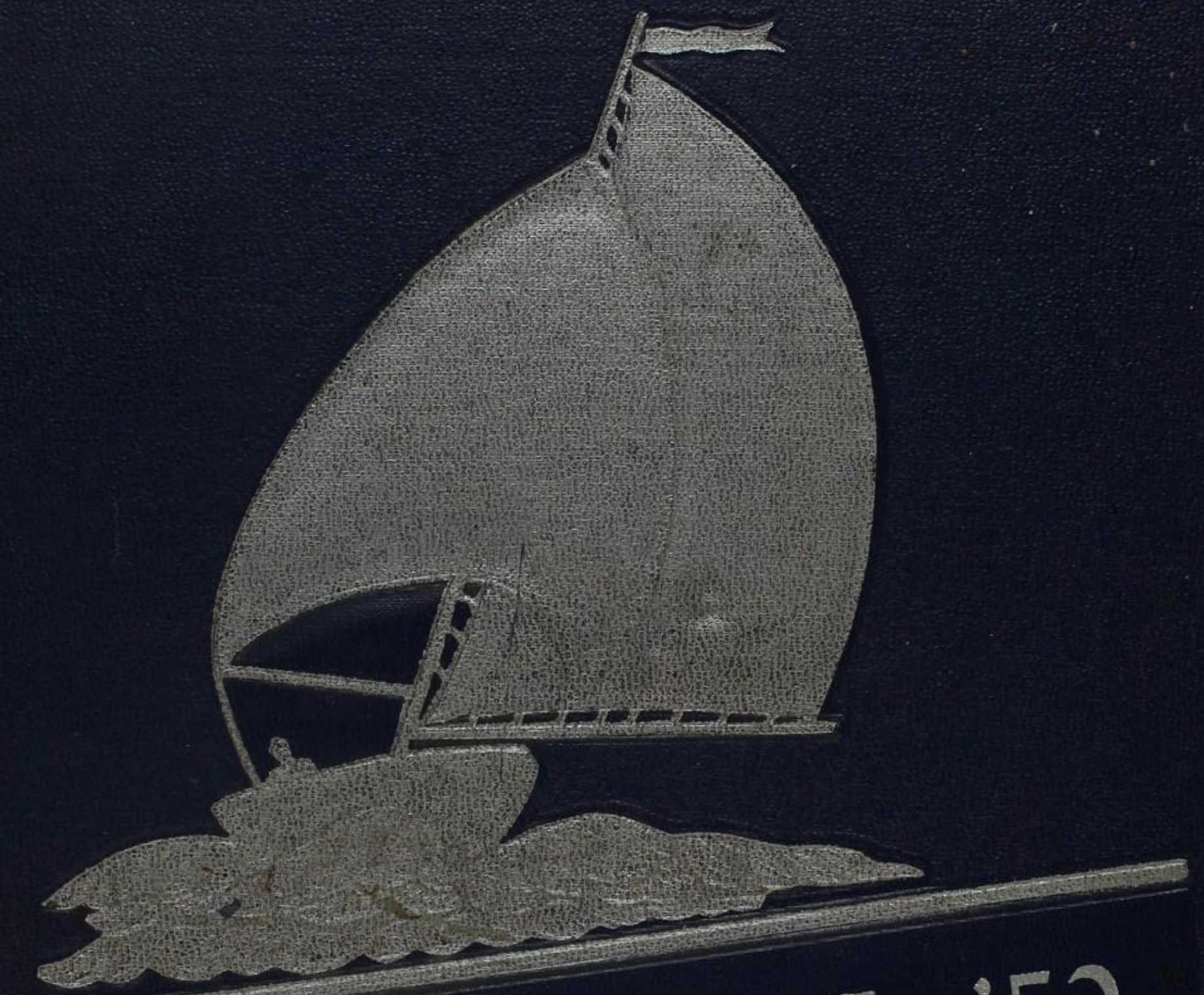

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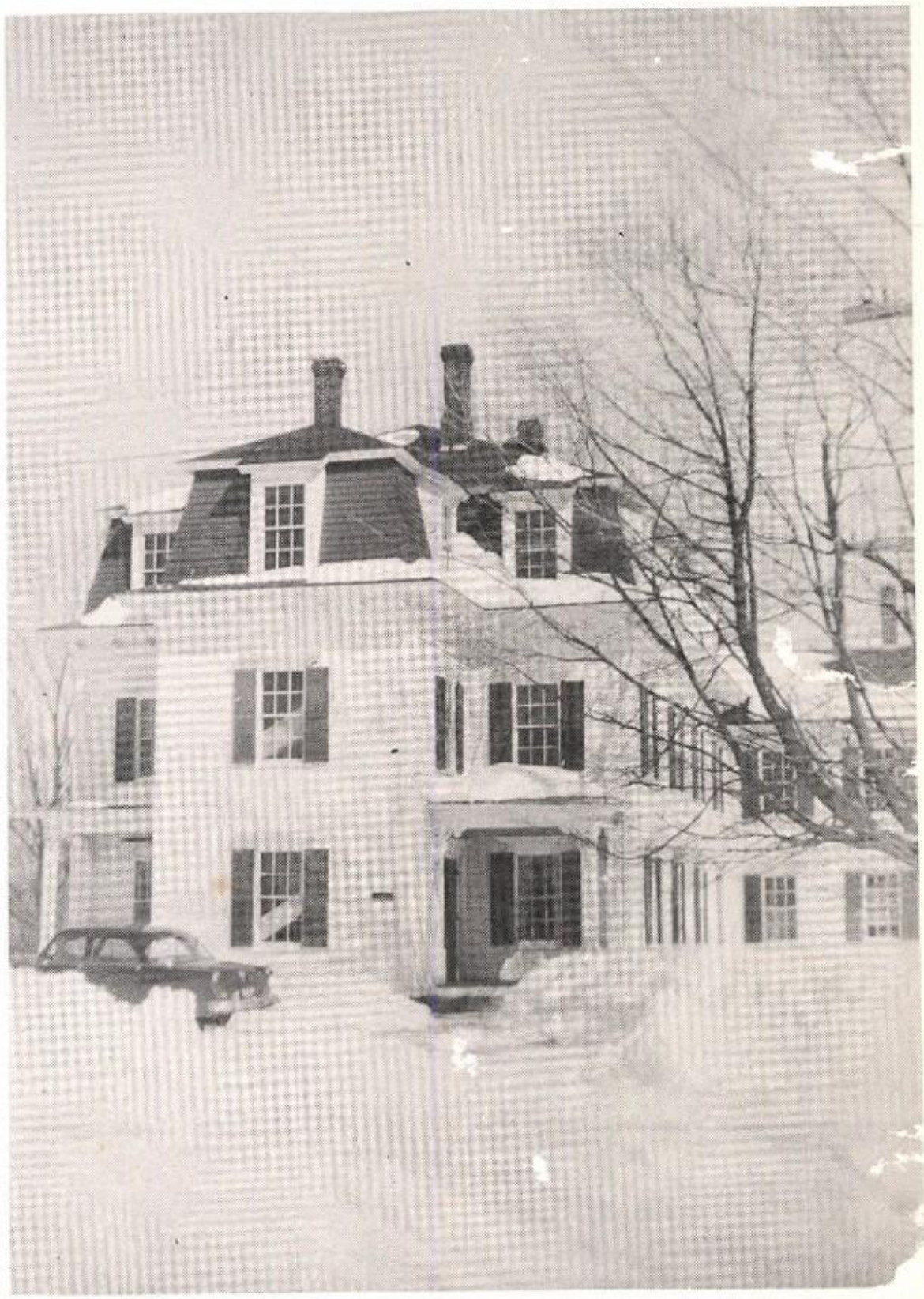

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FOREWORD

Your high school days are over. Never again will there be anything like it. It has been a special time in your life. The YOU of today is a different person from the YOU of four years ago.

You have had the opportunity for personal development. Your reading, writing and speaking abilities have improved tremendously. You have discovered wonderful and exciting new fields of interest.

You have learned to act on your own. Often you have had the opportunity to try your wings. You have had the privilege of making your own decisions and choices. Through these experiences you have grown wiser and greater in psycological stature.

You have learned to make new friends and get along with others. The knack of working with others and having fun with them has been important to you through high school. In the future it will be even more important. It can and will make the difference between success and failure.

You have learned to make better use of your leasure time. Through the extra-curricular program you have learned to derive satisfaction from many new activities.

As you step into your new roles, you carry with you the knowledge necessary to be successful in your chosen fields. You who will become homemakers in the near future go forth familiar with sound techniques which will enable you to guide an efficient and smoothly running household. For those of you who will begin to work in the next few weeks, your school has helped you plan and prepare for it. You who will enter institutions of higher learning have spent four years acquiring a firm foundation upon which to build.

You have learned to be an effective citizen. You have learned to accept your share of public duties. You have learned to make up your own mind about things, even though you are able to understand and respect different opinions.

You have received the great benefits of public education. You want the same, even more benefits for your children, our future graduates. You can insure this if you actively support the public schools. You must maintain constant vigilance for those who would impede its progress and destroy its effectiveness. This is your responsibility.

Your future is now largely in your own hands. You are prepared to meet it. Will you?

To each of you, I extend every good wish for your success and happiness.

H. William Hammond

Principal

DEDICATION

1956

We, the seniors of New Salem Academy 1956, happily and sorrowfully dedicate this volume of the "Memoriae" to you, Mrs. Lillian C. Gardner.

Happily we extend this tribute to you to show our deep appreciation for the zeal and enthusiasm you have shown for our own civic, scholastic and moral formation.

Your regular assignment as teacher stands out. Besides your dedication to the task of teaching, we are indebted to you for your guidance, leadership and understanding. Further we extend our gratitude to you for the unending hours spent with us in helping us with our problems.

Why should we mourn in this dedication? We, as seniors, will no longer feel the penetrating warmth of your personality. No longer will we share in your untiring efforts for us. We leave all this to face a new kind of life where these qualities are not so easily found.

Our memories will never fail us when we look back at the happy days we spent in your presence. When the future unfolds itself, we can reflect a bit, then, staunchly fall any adversity, armed with what we learned from you.

So to you, Mrs. Gardner, we say thanks from the bottom of our hearts. May the almighty God bless you in your life of dedicated public service for the young.

YEARBOOK

STAFF

First Row, left to right - C.Powling, F.Wesson, J Godfrev, L.Whitcomb. Second Row, same order: - Mrs. Gardner, Faculty Advisor; A. Lego, D.Wetherby, Mr. Mazzone, Faculty Advisor, D. Lyman, R. Shenausky.

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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Senior Prom	Mal Hall's Orchestra	June 15
Baccalaureate	Congregational Church	June 17
Class Day	Town Hall	June 19
Senior Banquet	New Salem House	June 19
Graduation		June 20

Speaker, Lester S. Vander Werf, Ed. D.
Dean, College of Education, Northeastern U.

Class Colors ..... Blue and Silver

Class Flower ..... Pink Rose

Class Motto ..... Faith

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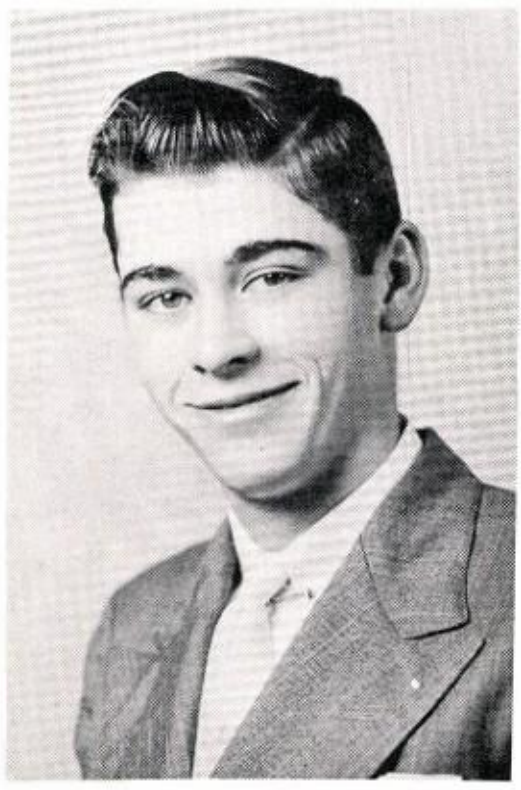


Douglas Wetherby

Vice-president

Dick is from North Orange, a good friend of everyone who knows him. He has been a FFA member for four years. Last vear he was president of FFA. For the future Dick's interest is in flying. We all hope he will be a success with what ever he may do for his ability will urge him on.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Agricultural Course 1,2,3,4; Class Vice President 1,2,3; Class Pres. 4; Class Student Council Representative 3; Student Council President 4; Salemica Staff 3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Spring Musicale 1,2,3,4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Yearbook Staff 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA President 4; FFA Sentinel 3; Dairy Judging 2,3,4; Poultry Judging 2; Vegetable Judging 1; Livestock Judging 3; Milk Judging 3; Open House 1,2,3; FFA Banquet 3,4; King's Attendant 4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Hearing someone degrade another behind his back when they are no different.

Pet Expression: "Drot"

RICHARD DONALD CHENAUSKY

"Dick" North Orange

'A little fun will go a long way."

DOROTHY LEE FIELD

"Dodie" Leverett

"A soft word turneth away wrath."

A friend to all is Dorothy. We all know how Dodie is interested in a piano and a singing career. We hope that she will be a success in the music world. Dodie is also planning to be a homemaker.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Household Arts 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Spring Musicale 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Style Show 1,2,3,4; Home Nursing 3; FHA Banquet 4; Trustee's Banquet 4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve. Fast drivers.

Pet Expression: "Don't know do you?"

JOYCE DARLENE GODFREY

"Joyce" New Salem

"They can conquer who beleive they can."

Joyce is a very active girl from New Salem. She has been a great asset to our class and will be missed by the whole school. The basketball team will miss her as she was the star player. We expect Joyce will go far in the secretarial field and will some day be a private secretary. We know that what ever she tries she will excell in.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; College Course 1; Commercial Course 2,3,4; Class Secretary 2,4; Student Council 2,4; Student Council Secretary 4; Salemica Staff 2,3,4; Salemica Co-Editor 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Glee Club Secretary 4; Sprng Musicale 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Basketball Co-Captain 3,4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Honor Roll 3,4; Good Government Day Representative 4; Good Citizenship Award 4; Magazine Drive Manager 4; Magazine Drive Co-Captain 2,3; Magazine Drive High Salesman 3,4; Winter Carnival Queen 4; Class Marshal 3; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Embarrassing moments.

Pet Expression: "Imagine that!"

ELEANOR HACKETT

"Ellie" Erving

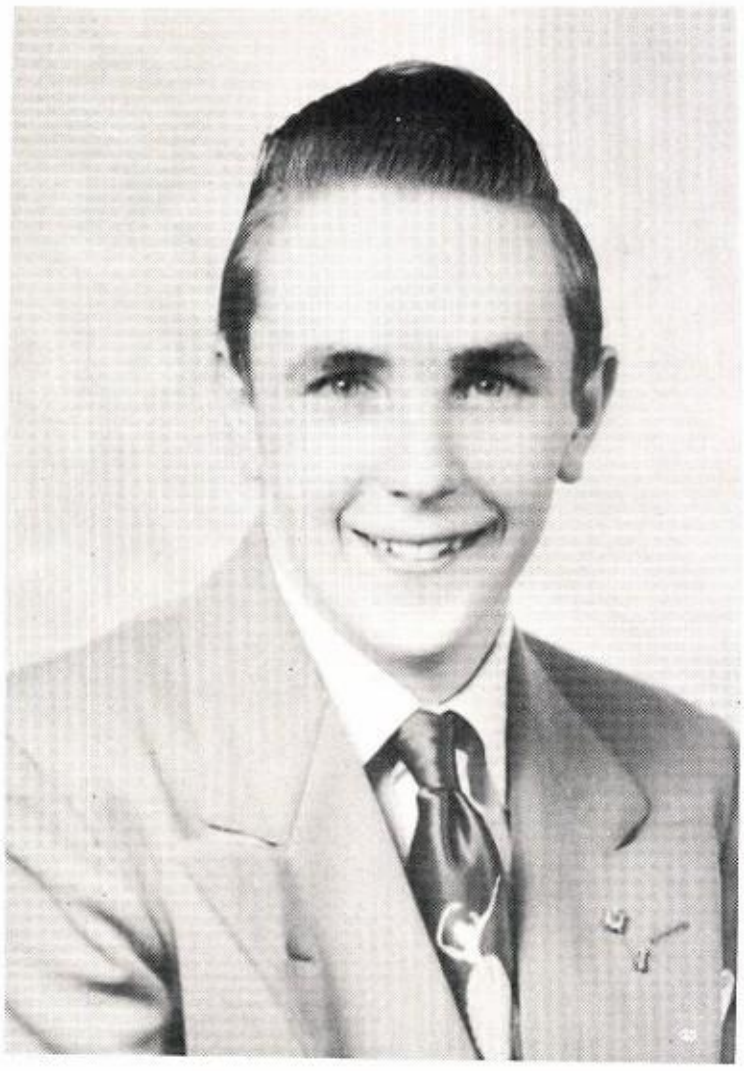
"Don't Complain about what other people do unless you can do it better yourself."

Eleanor makes her home in Erving. She has been a very active and energetic member in 4-H activities. Homemaking was Ellie's major here at NSA. Perhaps her knowledge in this line will be put to good use come June.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Household Arts Course 1,2,3,4; Salemica 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Spring Musicale 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA Report 3; Home Nursing and Child Care 3; Style Show 1,2,3,4; Trustee's Banquet 4; Open House 3; Senior Supper 4; Usherette 3; "Let Me Out of Here 4.

Pet Peeve: Boys.

Pet Expression: "Oh well!"



Alan comes to us from the hill top of Shutesbury. He is the president of our class and has attributed much toward our goal. He is a good athlete and a promising young farmer. We will have to wait and see if the Navy will decide his career. Right now his main interest is flirting with the girls and taking them out in his Nash.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Agricultural Course 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer 3; Class President 4; Student Council 3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Baseball 1,2, 3,4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Yearbook Staff 4; FFA 1; Winter Carnival King 4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: English teachers.

Pet Expression: "Feature that!"

ALAN KENT LEGO

"Junior" Shutesbury

"It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are."

DAVID LINCOLN LYMAN

"Dave" New Salem

"Courage is not the lack of fear, but to go on in spite of fear."

Dave is from the southern part of New Salem. He has been a quiet lad all four years of high school. Although he has been a little on the shy side, he has been a great help to us all. Dave has won many friends and is popular with the girls. He hopes to be a jet mechanic when he enters the Air Force.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Commercial Course 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,4; Salemica Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Spring Musicale 1; Basketball Mgr. 3; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Yearbook Associate Editor 4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Having to get up early to get to school on time.

Pet Expression: "Very good!"

Al is a local student and has a tendency to express his own opinion. He is planning to become a Conservation Officer in the future. Al is an average student and could easily gain high honors. His good-natured ways, original jokes and vivid imagination have made our classes more enjoyable. We all know Mrs. Gardner will miss Al in her typing class, and that he will miss a few of the girls he knows.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Agricultural Course 1,2,3,4; Salemica Staff 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Spring Musicale 1,2,3,4; Basketball manager 3,4; Baseball 4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Chaplin 4; Poultry Judging 1,2,3; Egg Judging 3,4; Vegetable Judging 4; Templeton Activities 3,4; FFA Banquet 3,4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Girls.

Pet Expression: "Feature that."

ALFRED OLAF OHLSON

"Ole" New Salem

"The greatest power in your life is the presence of God, and if you have faith, nothing is impossible unto you."

Richard Phillips resides in a little settlement of North Orange. He is the tallest and leanest fellow at NSA. He is very ambitious when on a farm or Aggie project, but when he is in class he spends three-fourths of his time in dreamland. Some day he will be a prosperous farmer. He will certainly be remembered by all.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Agricultural Course 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Tractor Driving 2,3; Dairy Judging 3,4; Livestock Judging 3; Milk Judging 3; Poultry Judging 2; Vegetable Judging 1, Farm Mechanics 3; FFA Banquet 3,4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Farmall Tractors.

Pet Expression: "Many chuckles."

RICHARD CHARLES PHILLIPS

"Bug Joe" North Orange

"Probably he who never made a mistake, never made a discovery."

Wendell claims this future housewife. Charlene majored in Homemaking and we are all sure that her success in this field is inevitable. We hope your sailor will come along to make your life complete.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Household Arts 1,2, 3,4; Salemica Staff 3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Spring Musicale 1,2,3,4; Christmas Musicale 4; Basketball 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Yearbook Associate Editor 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Home Nursing and Child Care 3; Style Show 1,2, 3,4; FHA Banquet 4; Trustee's Banquet 4; Usherette 3; Queen's Attendant 4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: No more basketball.

Pet Expression: "Very good."

CHARLENE JOAN POWLING

"Ben" Wendell

"If you don't succeed, try, tr··, again."

DAVID LEE SHEPARDSON

"Shep" Orange

"Beware, he who goes too fast shall find himself in the race last."

Shep hails from Orange. The place is known as Brookside. Since Shep joined the class as a Junior we have had a lot of fun and many laughs with him. He is a good sportsman and was our basketball manager this past year. He is planning to join the Navy and he is sure to have success.
Orange High School 1,2; New Salem Academy Agricultural Course 3,4; Basketball Manager 4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Operators cutting me off the phone.

Pet Expression: "Yes Sir!"

Fern hails from Orange. Before attending NSA, she spent one year at Orange High and one at south Lancaster Academy. Her quiet and easy manner have won for her the admiration of her fellow students. Fern's interest lies in the secret arial field, where she plans to stake her future.

Orange High 1; South Lancaster Academy 2; New Salem Academy 3,4; Commercial Course 1, 2,3,4; Class Secretary 3; Class Treasurer 4; Student Council 3,4; Student Council Treasurer 4; Salemica Staff 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Spring Musicale 3,4; Basketball 3,4; Yearbook Co-Editor 4; Magazine Drive Co-Captain 3; Usherette 3; Queen's Attendant 3; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Being stared at.

Pet expression: "Shucks"

FERN GENEVA WESSON

"Hot Rod" Orange

"Christ above all."

DOUGLAS JEROME WETHERBY

"Doug" New Salem

"Why be a stinker when with a little effort you can be impossible."

New Salem always knows who's coming when they see "Daisy", for Doug is always at the wheel. He is very active on the basketball team and has many interests in the school's activities. His witty humor has made many enjoyable moments at NSA

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; College Course 1,2, 3,4; Class Vice President 4; Student Council 4; Salemica Staff 3,4; Glee Club 1,2; Spring Musicale 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Basketball Co-Captain 4; Baseball 1,3,4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Honor Roll 1,3; King's Attendant 3,4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Coming to class early and not getting out until the second bell rings.

Pet Expression: "I've got a million of them."

Lillian hails from Shutesbury. She is very much liked by all, especially her soldier boy stationed in Korea. She has provided many laughs and fun in American History. I am sure she will make use of her skill in Household Arts after receiving the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award.

New Salem Academy 1,2,3,4; Household Arts 1,2, 4; Commercial Course 3; Salemica 4; Glee Club 1; 2,3,4; Spring Musicale 1,2,3,4; Christmas Musicale 4; Cheerleader 4; "Let Me Out of Here" 4; Yearbook Staff 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA Secretary 4; Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award 4; Style Show 1,2,4; FHA Banquet 4; Trustee's Banquet 4; Senior Supper 4.

Pet Peeve: Boy friend stationed overseas.

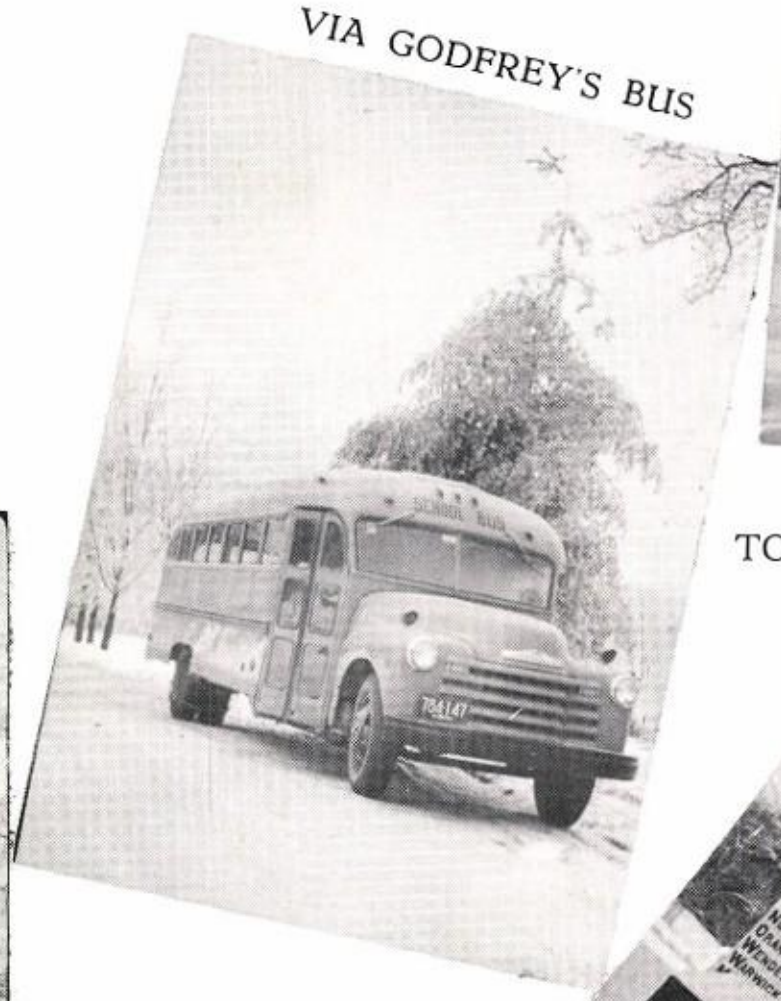
Pet Expression: "Great".

LILLIAN MAY WHITCOMB

"Shorty" Shutesbury

"If you can't talk respectably,
don't bother to talk at all."

VIA GODFREY'S BUS



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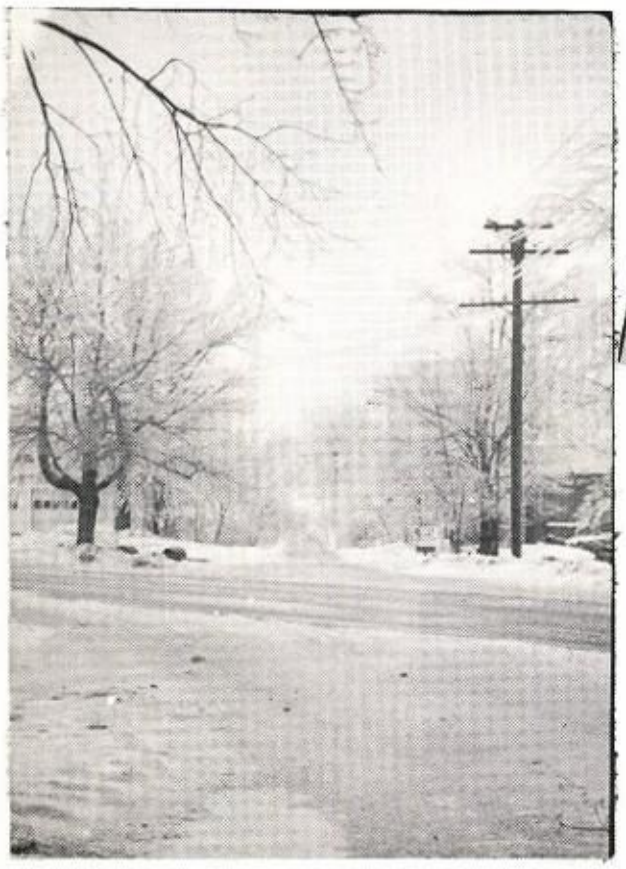

GRADUATION DAY WELCOME

We, the graduating class of 1956, welcome you, our parents, faculty, and friends, to these our graduation day exercises. Never will we forget the wonderful days at NSA and especially will we be mindful of this our graduation day. it is with a hopeful sentiment that we depart from these hallowed halls. We have been exposed to many of the avenues of knowledge and now we are, as it were, sent forth to project and put to use the enlightenment we have received. With courage, then we will brave the outside world and take our place in its ranks. We hope that it will welcome us with the same regard with which we welcome you on this, our day of graduation.

Alan Lego

CLASS DAY WELCOME

We, heartily welcome you, our parents, our teachers, and friends, to this our class day exercise. With earnestness we all hope that you enjoy this program which is to be presented today.

As much as we sometimes hate to admit it, we are almost at the end of the trail. We can be thankful, nevertheless, to be able to find ourselves here on this very day. When we recall the times we had at the academy, then, this week of graduation exercises will serve as the finishing touch to our four years course through these halls of knowledge.

We, the class of 1956, in an effort to put forth one of our last endeavors at NSA present you, our faculty, relatives, and friends, with our Class Day Exercises.

Douglas Wetherby

Douglas Wetherby

FACULTY

First Row, left to right: Mr. Bone, Mrs. Wakstein, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Mathieu, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Smith. Second Row, same order: Mr. Larson, Mr. Overdoff, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Edgar, Superintendent, Mr. Hammond, Principal, Mr. Trimm, Mr. Mazzone.

FACULTY REVIEW

We, the students of the graduating class of New Salem Academy, wish to introduce to you our beloved faculty. These men and women have been with us in our every need. It is, then, in recognition of their efforts that we present them.

Does anyone have the trouble with his digestive tract? Mr. Larson is the man to see. He graduated from Middlebury College 1949, A.B., University of Pennsylvania, 1950, M.A. Mr. Larson, our assistant principal, teaches social science, general science, and biology.

If your rooster doesn't seem to crow right, contact Mr. Wilbur. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts, 1950, B.S. in General Agriculture; M.S. in Agriculture Economics at the University of Massachusetts, 1951. He teaches Agriculture.

Those prospective opera singers see Mr. Bone. He received his musical education in Springfield, Boston and New York. Studied Choral directing under Lora Hoggard, Earle Wilhoite and Fred Waring. At the present his full time is devoted to supervising music in the public schools.

Mr. Trimm would make an excellent guide for those wishing to take a trip through the Maine woodlands. Mr. Trimm graduated from the University of Maine, 1951, B.S., in Agricultural Economics and Farm Management. He teaches Agriculture here at NSA.

Boys, if you want to go deer hunting next year, check first with Mr. Hammond. He graduated from Tufts College in 1948 with an A.B. Received his M. Ed. there in 1949. Here at New Salem Academy, besides his teaching in physical sciences and math, he is our prncipal.

For your sewing needs, girls, you can always refer to Mrs. Eaton. She graduated from Framingham Teachers College, 1941, with a B.S. She teaches Household Arts.

Call on Mrs. Mathieu if you have a headache, hangnail or falling arches. Mrs. Mathieu graduated from Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston in 1928. Her duties carry her throughout Union 32.

Surplus stock is right up Mr. Smith's line. He does quite a job for the aggie department in this line. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1941 with a B.S. in Poultry and Husbandry. At the University of Maine he received his M. Ed. in 1953. He is the head of the Agriculture Department and he teaches Vocational Agriculture

Watch your step in class for Mr. Edgar may come strolling in. He graduated from Bridgewater Teachers College in 1941 with a B.S. At Boston University he acquired his M.A. in 1949. He is the superintendent of schools for Union 32.

Having trouble with your typewriter ribbon? Check with Mrs. Gardner. She graduated from State Teachers College, Salem, Massachusetts, 1935, B.S., University of Maine 1951, M.A. She teaches commercial subjects.

Watch your ain't and aren't when in contact with Mrs. Wakstein. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a B.A. in 1955. Here she teaches English, Mathematics and General Science.

Do you want to go on stage? Mr. Mazzone may be the man to set you straight. Mr. Mazzone graduated from Boston College 1952, A.B.; Boston College, 1953, M.A. Here at New Salem Academy he teaches Latin, French and English.

If you are down in the blues, see Mr. Overdorff; he will certainly cheer you up. He is an Apprentice Teacher from the University of Massachusetts.

SENIOR PLAY CAST

First row, left to right: D.Field, L.Whitcomb, J.Godfrey, C.Powling. Second row, same order: E. Hackett, Mr. Mazzone, Director, ALego, R.Chenausky Third row, same order: D.Wetherby, D. Lyman, A.Ohlson.

'Let Me Out of Here"

Dramatic Personnae

Douglas Wetherby	Garrett Lynn	Alfred Ohlson	Marshall Ward
Joyce Godfrey	Bonny Lynn	David Lyman	Gifford Morton
Lillian Whitcomb	Eve Boyd	Eleanor Hackett	Bessie Rhodes
Charlene Powling	Mrs. Angela Boyd	Alan Lego	Stevie Cobb
Richard Chenausky	Victor Ward	Dorothy Field	Hazel Miles

Under the direction and energetic supervision of Mr. Mazzone, the Senior Class again presented its traditional class play. A capacity crowd rocked and rolled to this farcial situation comedy. Many will long remember some of the incidents that produced much hilarious laughter. No one will forget the skirt scene of Doug Wetherby.

WHO'S WHO IN '56

Joyce Godfrey	Most likely to succeed	Alan Lego
Joyce Godfrey	Most Popular	Alan Lego
Fern Wesson	Best Looking	Douglas Wetherby
Fern Wesson	Best Smile	Douglas Wetherby
Joyce Godfrey	Most Ambitious	Douglas Wetherby
Charlene Powling	Biggest Appetite	Alfred Ohlson
Lillian Whitcomb	Most talkative	Alfred Ohlson
Fern Wesson	Wittiest	Douglas Wetherby
Charlene Powling	Biggest time killer	Richard Phillips
Dorothy Field	Quietest	David Lyman
Fern Wesson	Class devil	Douglas Wetherby
Eleanor Hackett	Class angel	David Lyman
Joyce Godfrey	Best dressed	Alan Lego
Joyce Godfrey	Best athlete	Alan Lego
Charlene Powling	Best dancer	Alan Lego
Joyce Godfrey	Most studious	Richard Chenausky
Fern Wesson	Best natured	David Lyman
Fern Wesson	Silliest	Richard Phillips

CLASS HISTORY

On September fifth, 1952, twenty-nine reluctant boys and girls strolled through the doors of New Salem Academy to begin four years of high school training. Bewildered and baffled by the new maze of things on our first approach, we hardly knew what to expect. We had heard of the many grotesque occurences that supposedly take place within the domains of the high school. It was with anticipated fear that we approached each coming day. During the course of events, though, we found that high school wasn't a thing to be feared. The many tales that were related by our predecessors, we found to be largely fictional. The wall of fear was created not by the school itself, but by those who had already overcome this intangible disquiet. The fact that it could be overtaken is witnessed by our very presence here today. We survived the first assult, then, and diligently went about our tasks. It wasn't all gravy though. We wrangled with our shop, aggie, typing and, of course, that perennial English. At the end of our freshman year we learned, as they say, the ropes.

We attacked the sophomore year with the wisdom of fools. Our heads were inflated with a mixture of wisdom, in that we had been able to arrive this far, and foolishness, in that we knew all there was to be learned. With this barrier set up, our teachers had to exert their every effort to reach us. We were seventeen happy sophomores in a world of our own. The class suffered the loss of twelve of its members as a result of those unsteady freshman days.

Our activities were not entirely limited to the academic sphere. We had representatives in the basketball and baseball teams as well as our renowned glee cubs. The various other activities also took up much of our time. The girls were engaged in the various activities of the FHA. Many of the boys took part in and enlivened the activities of the FFA.

Perhaps at the time we were unaware of it, but we were a far-cry from those frightful entrance days. Now the thirteen survivors and two more additions prepared for a fruitful junior year. There was new hope. Our goal was half gained. In the junor year the pace was a little faster. In spite of it, we could manage through it, for we had been the proud recipients of experience.. This was the preliminary to the final step. The longed-for senior year was within our grasp. With a little application and incentive we could hardly fail.

Our senior year we reached with no great loss. We stood fourteen strong in the initian stages. The anxiety and expectation that came to us in our senior year was quite different from that of our freshman days. There was no dread of what to expect in high school, for we had been thoroughly indoctrinated in that. However, we did experience a certain sense of suspense. What was going to be the end result of all this? Having come this far, were we going to make it to the top?

In the early stages, we are sorry to say that, one of the original fourteen dropped out. Time alone was going to tell whether or not the rest of us had mastered the art of study and were able to put it to the test. Was English proving to be too much? Or was it History that would prove the obstacle? The shop department kept us on our toes as well. Was it there that we would meet our Waterloo? None of these proved to be insurmountable. We made it and we are here. We passed the academic test.

The voyage through our four years was a mixture of pleasure and pain. The pain is easy to forget, but the pleasure will always remain with us. Much of the pleasure was involved with our aim to make the Washington trip. At times, it seemed as though we wouldn't make it. Many of the sponsored activities during our four years were directed toward this goal. One of these, the senior play, helped us toward this end. Our efforts in the magazine drives were helpful as well. We had some ups and downs, but they were all part of the struggle. It proved that work and persistence in anything would bring success. The culmination of all our activities, then, was reached with our trip, which took place in early April. In conclusion, then, we merely want to say, "We made it."

Alfred Ohlson

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

First row, left to right: C. Guetti, S. Dunbar M. Hubbard, Librarian, R. C. Haney, President, Mr. Bone, Director, K. Matthews, Vice President, J. Godfrey, Sec'y., D. Fields, F. Aubertine. Second row, same order: E. Field, J. Marshall, C. Williams,, J. LaClaire, K. Reid, R. Ballou, M. Calcari, P. Starkey, M. Fisher, P. Clark, G. Kellog, L. Whitcomb, Third row, same order: C. Powling, R. Tanner, E. Hackett, M. Turner, N. Herk, M. Carey. Fourth row, same order: M. Hanson, R. Black, S. Clark, E. Mealand, P. Carey, F. Wesson, P. Grahman.

This year proved very successful for both the Girl's and Boy's Glee Clubs. In December the combined efforts of both Glee Clubs were directed toward the Christmas Musicale. A new approach was featured this year in that the Union Twist Drill Glee Club of Athol joined with NSA Glee Clubs in presenting the Christmas Musicale. As usual the NSA Glee Clubs could be heard on WHAI as a special Christmas feature. Following the success of the Yuletide season, the efforts of the glee clubs were directed toward the annual Spring Musicale which was held in the New Salem Town Hall.

We, the class of 1956, wish to extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. Bone, our musical director, for making our stay at NSA more enjoyable with his inspiring musical training. May God bless you with the same success in the future as He has in the past.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

First row, left to right. W. Ambrose, A. Ohlson, Librarian, R. Chenausky, V.President, Mr. Bone, Director, J. O'Loughlin, President, L. Powling, Secretary, W. Clark, B. Lewis, Second row, same order: P. Benson, H. Parker, R. Harris, A. Aldrich, G. Burnett, M. Shepardson, S. Mann, T. Plo-of, R. Carey, T. Reid, Third row, same order: R. Alden, L. Wirth, R. Burden, E. Smith R. Johnson, D. Smith, G. Powling, L. LaClaire, E. Cornwell, A. Converse, Fourth row, same order: M. Sloan R. Haselton N. Flye, E. Field, R. Grahman, M. L. Claire, W. Carey, H. Shatos, M. Lackey.

CLASS WILL

We, the class of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Six of New Salem Academy, being of questionable mind and forgettable memory do hereby proclaim this to be our last will and testament.

SECTION I

Article I: To Mr. Larson we leave a calendar, since he never has one in his room.

Article II: To Mr. Mazzone we leave a golden trophy for the best play director of the year.

Article III: To Mr. Hammond we leave a bundle of appreciation for all he has done for our class.

Article IV: To Mr. Edgar we leave a pair of noise-making shoes. Then the next year's seniors can hear him coming when he pops in on the Silent American History class.

Article V: To Mrs. Eaton we leave a new wastebasket for gum disposal.

Article VI: To Mrs. Wakstein we leave three new basketball players from next year's freshman class to replace the seniors who left.

Article VII: To Mrs. Gardner we leave this corsage of orchids in appreciation and thoughtfulness for all she's done for us.

Article VIII: To Mr. Trimm we leave a flat car to put a Maine potatoe on. He claims they're so big one needs a flat car on which to move one.

Article IX: To Mr. Wilbur we leave a chicken. We hope he can keep up his research on chicken diseases and illnesses.

Article X: To Mr. Smith we leave a new corn cob pipe. This may add to his collection of pipes.

Article XI: To Mr. Bone we leave a pair of ear plugs. He will probobly need them after the seniors leave him.

Article XII: To Mr. Overdorff we leave our sincerest hope for continued success in the teaching field. You have displayed your qualifications during your stay here.

SECTION II

Article I: To the freshman class we leave all the happiness we've experienced at NSA and all the courage toward the senior year and graduation.

Article II: To the sophomore class we leave all the wonderful times we've had at New Salem Academy.

Article III: To the junior class we leave Mr. Larson. We hope you have as much fun with him in American History as we did.

SECTION III

Article I: Al Ohlson leaves his little black book of girl's addresses to Bobby Carey. We hope you have as much luck as Al did.

Article II: Eleanor Hackett leaves her sewing ability to Earla Williams. Better luck next year in Home Economics, Earla.

Article III: Joyce Godfrey leaves her basketball skill to Sally Cark. We'er sure they'll have a fine team next year.

Article IV: Dick Chenausy leaves his farming skill to W esley Clark in hopes that he puts it to great use like Richard did.

Article V: Dave Lyman leaves his car to Suzanne Dunbar since she has to walk so far to school.
Article VI: Dick Phillips leaves his height to Frank Marz, so he can combine speed with spirit at the football games.

Article VII: Dave Shepardson leaves his knowledge of space ships to Richard Graham, so he can meet Shep at the moon.

Article VIII: Charlene Powling leaves her energy as a guard on the basketball team to Florence

Aubertine. With it she probably won't warm the bench next year.

Article IX: Lillian Whitcomb leaves her ability as a cheerleader to Cynthia Guetti. Next year she may be a great spirited-captain.

Article X: Fern Wesson leaves her good disposition to Jake Carey so next year he may at least smile.

Article XI: Douglas Wetherby leaves his part as Garrett in the senior play to Merrill LaClaire. We're sure next year's play will be as successful as this years.

Article XII: Dorothy Field leaves her sewing problems to anyone who wants them.

Article XIII: Alan Lego leaves to Ray Carey the job of chauffeur for those picked to go to Boston on Good Government Day. Stay out of trouble and watch those red lights Ray.

It is our earnest hope that what we have herein declared be accepted as a worthy testimony of our own desire to leave you all with a memoriable bequest. Charlene Powling

J U N I O R

C L A S S

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CLASS GIFTS

We, the class of 1956, wish to leave you, the members of this class, these little mementoes for you to cherish in the years to come. These offerings are no trivial gesture, but rather sincere remembrances of the times we had together.

To Douglas, we leave this safety pin, so that the next time he's in a play he won't lose his skirt. We all remember well how hilarious you were in the senior play.

Lillian, you being the smallest of the group, are surely in need of some growth potion. We leave you, then, with this jar of Vigoro with the hope that it helps you put on a few more inches. Of course, this will prevent your beau from getting round-shouldered, since he won't have to look down on you any longer.

We think it necessary to leave this alarm clock to you, Dave Lyman. Now you'll be certain to get to school on time.

This ball of cotton will come in handy to Dot. Stuff your ears with it, so that you can sing with George without getting off key. The best of luck to you Dot.

To Alan, the president of our class, we'll leave this little red fire truck. You have one of your own now, Alan.

We give this rolling pin to Eleanor. We hope, Eleanor, that you use it for its intended purpose. You know, it has more than one use.

Here's a comic book for you, Dave Shepardson. Since the realm of space is your main interest, you may find some interesting data in it. Perhaps you will meet up with one of those space men one of these days, Dave.

To Fern, we give this plaque in honor of her feat of taking down the most cement posts. She has acquired five posts thus far. Any more on the way Fern?

Dick will be going into the Air Force in a short time. To help you get acquainted with the air age, we want you to have this jet plane. See you in the wide blue yonder, Dick.

A one way ticket to California is in store for Joyce. Have a nice trip Joyce. Think you'll get to see Rock Hudson?

Richard's aspiration is a big, modern, up todate farm, hence we give you this tractor to help you with your chores. Happy planting.

This diary, we leave to Charlene in order that she may record all the happy memories of New Salem Academy. We are sure she will put it to good use.

We bequeath this book on how to stay away from girls to Al. He has so many that it's getting to be a problem.

These gratuitous bequests, little as they may seem, are granted to you all with the earnest hope that remind you of us. In the years ahead, when you reminisce on your high school days, let these thoughts be a further reminder to you of your days at New Salem Academy.

Eleanor Hackett

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First Row, left to right - S. Clark, R.C.Haney, J.Godfrey, Co-captain, E.Mealand, Co-captain, C.Powling, S.Dunbar. Second Row, same order - M.Hanson, Manager, F.Wesson, F.Aubertine, K.Matthews, Assistant Manager, Mrs. Wakstein, Coach.

What can be said for the team spirit which ,the basketball squad enjoyed is almost beyond words. We didn't win many laurels as far as wins are concerned, but we had a lot of fun, met many nice people, and gained some know how in the art of perfecting our game. With three seniors leaving the team, next year's squad will lose much of its experience. In spite of this, the team hopes for an enjoyable and successful season in 1957.

This year's cheering squad consisted of only four girls of which two were new. In general, the cheerleaders did quite well. A record hop was conducted for the benefit of the cheerleaders, the proceeds of which were put toward new uniforms. We wish to express our appreciation to those who lent a helping hand in the cheering section.

CHEERLEADERS

First row, left to right:
D. Field, Captain,
C. Guetti, L. Whitcomb
C. Powling.

VARSITY

First row, left to right - J. Kolasinski, R. Lanoue, A. Lego, Co-captain, D. Wetherby, Co-captain, R. Carey, R. Burden. Second row: same order, D. Shepardson, Assistant Mger., B. Wetherby, L. Powling, J. O'Loughlin, R. Carey, Mr. Larson, Coach, A. Ohlson, Manager.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Interscholastic sports holds a high position among our extra-curricular activities. It is one of the various means by which the tension of our academic studies is made less stringent. The two main sports in which we at New Salem Academy participate are basketball and baseball. Our baseball team, which is made up of a varsity squad only, has in the past enjoyed some rather happy seasons. Basketball has the benefit of two squads in the varsity and junior varsity. Both teams have manifested themselves in the most noteworthy manner.

In the past four years the baseball team has come out of the season with at least a 500 batting average. In freshman and junior years the team won 8 and lost 8. It was the sophomore year that we took 12 and dropped 4. Coaching in the freshman year was Mr. Taylor Cook; in the sophomore year, Mr. Fredrick Selfridge; and in the junior and senior years, Mr. Larson.

The basketball teams didn't experience the same good fortune that the baseball teams did. Yet, in spite of few victories, the boys played the game with the heart of true sportsmen. What we lost in material laurels, we gained in spirit. The competitive sportsmanship with which the game was played was a pure manifestation of our American way of life.

JUNIOR VARSITY

First row, left to right - M. LaClaire, Captain G. Powling, J. Burden, R. Deyo, H. Shatos. Second row: same order: W. Carey, Mgr., M. Sloan, L. LaClaire, L. LeClaire, Mr. Larson, Coach.

CLASS PROPHECY

Joyce: As I was passing through Roanoake, Virginia on my way home from sunny California, I decided to have my hair done. It seemed as though fate had directed my eyes to a sign which read, "Fern's Beauty Salon." Immediately I stopped and made my way toward the shop displaying the sign. I walked in and to my rather anticipated surprise I saw Fern Wesson.

Fern: When I saw Joyce enter my shop, I was literally astonished. It didn't take us a moment to find our bearings and begin a conversation.

Joyce: What have you been doing since we left school anyway?

Fern: Well, I went to hair dressing school for a couple of years in Springfield. Then, after that was over with, I got married. My husband and I decided to settle down here. By the way, aren't you married?

Joyce: No, I'm still looking for that right guy.

Fern: What brings you to this neck of the woods?

Jovce: I'm on vacation. I've been living in California for some time.

Fern: What are you doing for a living, Joyce?

Joyce: My ambition to be a secretary has been fulfilled now for several years. Speaking of goals, Fern, have you heard from any of our former classmates at New Salem Academy?

Fern: Oh sure thing! It was just the other day I heard from Dorothy Field. Rather I should say, from Al Ohlson. I guess he and Dot have been happily married for quite some time. Ole is doing great as game warden at the Quabbin Reservoir.

Joyce: Can you imagine? Did he happen to mention any of the others?

Fern: Yeah, Alan Lego is working in Alaska. They're shooting a new film up there. He's been a sensational movie director for M.G.M.

Joyce: I'll bet you couldn't guess whom I ran into in Florida. I happened to walk into a coffee shop and there was little old Lillian. She's married to a soldier stationed at Jacksonville. She mentioned that Charlene is in the waves and the Dave Lyman is running for mayor in Orlando, Florida. He's quite the politician from all reports.

Fern: I suppose Dick Shenausky and Dick Phillips are partners in a large dairy farm in Orange. I heard they joined the airforce together immediately after graduation.

Joyce: No doubt you've seen Doug Wetherby. He plays on the Comedy Hour every Sunday evening. What a clown he was. Those antics he used to do in History class were really something.

Fern: Whatever became of Eleanor Hackett?

Joyce: I understand she married and presently is the mother of some large family.

Fern: Yeah, I guess she married when we finished school.

Joyce: I never did mention Dave Shepardson, did I?

Fern: David, why, of course.

Joyce: He's been with the Los Angeles Police Department now for some time. I've had the occasion to date him a few times. Gee, I think we've gone through the entire graduating class. It was really wonderful talking over those classmates of ours. Now, Fern, give me a permanent.

Fern Wesson Joyce Godfrey

FAVORITE ACTIVITY

David Shepardson	Tinkering with machinery
Eleanor Hackett	Driving through the country
David Lyman	Making people laugh
Charlene Powling	Double dating
Alan Lego	Being with NSA mob
Joyce Godfrey	Going places
Douglas Wetherby	A good time
Lillian Whitcomb	Listening to radio
Richard Chenausky	Being lazy
Dorothy Field	Playing piano
Alfred Ohlson	Hunting and fishing
Fern Wesson	Traveling
Richard Phillips	Teasing girls

year, as was voted on in the previous year, the Future Farmers of America organization was ...ided into two groups, a junior group comprising of Freshmen and Sophomores and a senior group made up of Juniors and Seniors. It is the policy to have the senior group preside over chapter meetings. The Quabbin Chapter of the FFA has an enrollment of 40 members. Each of its members strives to enhance and uphold the organization's motto of "Doing to learn, learning to do, doing to live and living to serve."

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The Future Homemakers of America is composed of a group of energetic young high school girls who are looking forward to new horizons for a better American homelife. In a sense, we can say that this is the backbone of our American society. The girls of the FHA will some day be co-partners in that fundamental unit of our society, the family. It is with great pride and interest, then, that the girls of the FHA undertake and perform their duties.

Our feature activity in the FHA this year had been the Christmas basket which was sent to an incognito needy family of the county. This is only one example of the understanding and action that the FHA demonstrates and expects its members to practice in their preperation as future home-makers.

STYLE SHOW

First row, left to right: F.Aubertine, M.Hubbard, R.Black, C.Powling, J.LaClaire, Second row, same order: P.Clark, D.Field, K.Matthews, L.Whitcomb, M.Carey, C.Williams, Third row, same order: P.Carey, R.Tanner, R.C.Haney, E.Hackett.

In its traditional vein the Household Arts Department again put on its annual style show. This is one of the means by which the future home-makers may display their artistic sartorial talents. We are all proud of the fact that we could present for public exhibition the final results of our efforts. A load of thanks goes to Mrs. Eaton for her undivided guidance, assistance and patience in making this event a success.

SALEMICA STAFF

First row, left to right: E.Meland, R.Haney, Co-Editor, Mrs. Gardner, Faculty Advisor, Mr. Mazzone, Faculty Advisor, J.Godfrey, Co-Editor, F.Wesson. Second row, same order: A.Lego, S.Clark, P.Carey, N.Herk, P.Grahman, G.Kellogg, L.Whitcomb, C.Powling. Third row same order: D.Wetherby, R.Chenausky, D.Lyman, H.Parker, R.Tanner, D.Field, R.Grahman, Fourth row, same order: G.Burnett, J.O'Loughlin, N.Flye, M.Lackey, A.Ohlson, W. Clark.

The Salemica, our school magazine, had a late start this year. It is published by a staff of twenty-nine students and two faculty members,Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Mazzone. The Salemica contains such items as poems, jokes, cartoons, school activities, editorials, alumni news and sports.

Only one issue has been put out this year. The staff wishes to extend its thanks for the work of its contributors and to the assistance of Mr. Mazzone, the literary side, and Mrs. Gardner for her untold time and energy in the mimeo setting and final publication of the Salemica.

FAVORITE SONG

Charlene Powling	A Tear Fell
Lillian Whitcomb	Band of Gold
Dorothy Field	Rock Around the Clock
Eleanor Hackett	I'll Be Home
Joyce Godfrey	If I Could Be With You
Fern Wesson	To Be Alone
Douglas Wetherby	42 Barrels
David Lyman	When You Wish Upon a Star
David Shepardson	No Not Much
Richard Chenausky	Rock Island Line
Richard Phillips	Why Baby Why
Alan Lego	Mood Indigo
Alfred Ohlson	Red Sails in the Sunset

FROM THE 1953-1955 VUSICALES

I Beleive	Let There Be Music
Do I Worry	No Man is an Island
Melody of Love	Evening Star

STUDENT COUNCIL

First Row, left to right: D.Lyman, J.O'Loughlin, Vice-President, Mr. Hammond, Faculty Advisor, R.Chenausky, President, J.Godfrey, Secretary, F.Wesson, Treasurer, Second Row, same order: T. Mann, F.Aubertine, R.Haney, C.Guetti, N.Herk,K.Matthews, P.Grahman, G.Kellog, P.Starkey. T hird Row, same order: D.Wetherby, A.Lego, K.Carey, S.Clark, E.Mealand, W.Carey, B.Lewis, G.Powling.

Since the main purpose of our student government body is to give each member of the school a representative voice in the formulation, regulationand exercising of school policies, we, the departing members of the school, can truthfully say that we did our utmost to perform the functions of this co-ntrolling body. We are happy to have been able to engage in the activities sponsored by the student council. It is, as we know, another example of American Heritage, in that it affords the youth of America to voice their own opinions in the true democratic tradition.

RECOLLECTIONS

Douglas, remember the night "Daisy" got tired and didn't make it home?

Did Shep ever learn to cut glass? The poor teachers gave up after the seventh window, didn't they, Shep?

I wonder if Joyce will ever forget March 21, 1956. The seniors played the juniors in basketball. The only reason we won was all because of the juniors had their eyes on Joyce.

Come next December's deer season, will David Lyman build a fire in the library? Maybe next year Dave, Doug and Alan won't catch the devil from Mr. Hammond for going deer hunting.

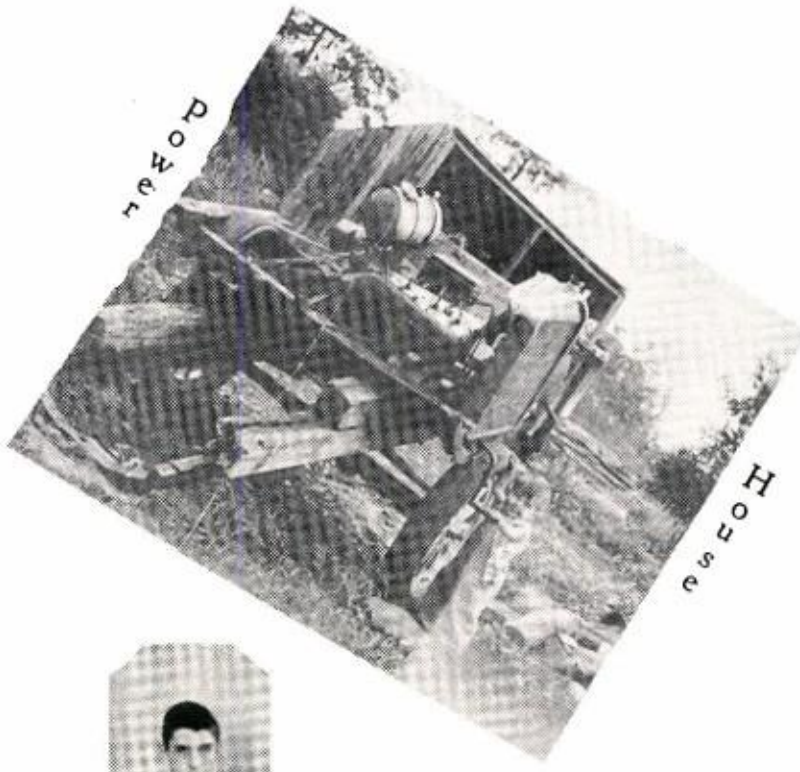
Just how did Fern and Joyce skip school to go to a Hardwick baseball game? Guess the girl's room window comes in handy at times. By the way, could that be the only time they skipped?

I don't think anyone will ever forget when Richard Phillips was sitting in the waste paper basket that was on top of the bookcase in the freshman class.

I wonder if Dick Chenausky will ever find out what happened to his pick-up truck the night Phillips took it over the back roads.

Will Ole Ohlson ever stop hearing bells? After the night he went bowling, we never heard the end of it.

Ouch, it's hot!



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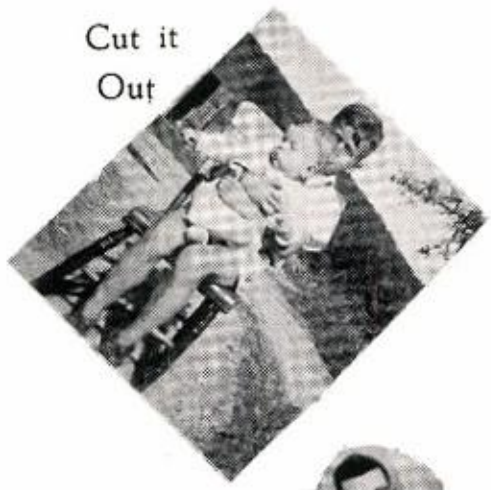

Cut it Out

Bare Facts

Look Ma, no hands!!

My Protector

RECOLLECTIONS

Has Dorothy Field ever started her two engine broom stick? Only kidding Dot; don't take off now.

Will Alan Lego ever live down the incident that happened at Doug's house one night after a crew went tobogganing? He always did like dogs and that night proved it.

What is Lillian Whitcomb going to do without any fifth or sixth periods to pester Mr. Larson. We can send you a picture of him, Lillian.

Eleanor, are you going to have all your teeth pulled out? If so, we can get a pair of spring wound ones so your gums won't get tired of yelling at your husband.

If any one has an adding machine, would they lend it to Charlene Powling to keep track of all her boy friends. But she always goes back to Paul. Don't get sore, Ben, we know the truth.

I'll bet none of the girls will ever forget the day Fern almost floated out of Mr. Larson's room.

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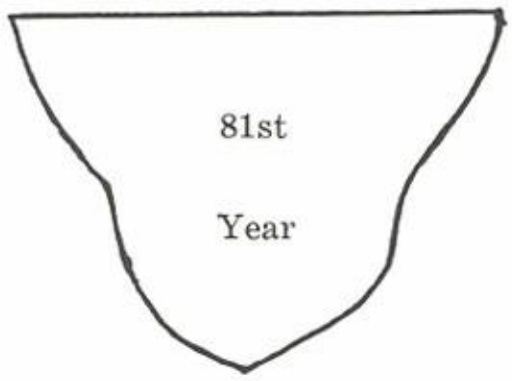

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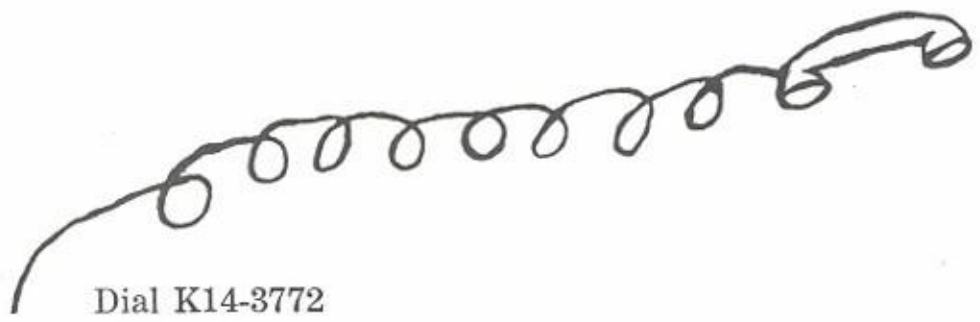

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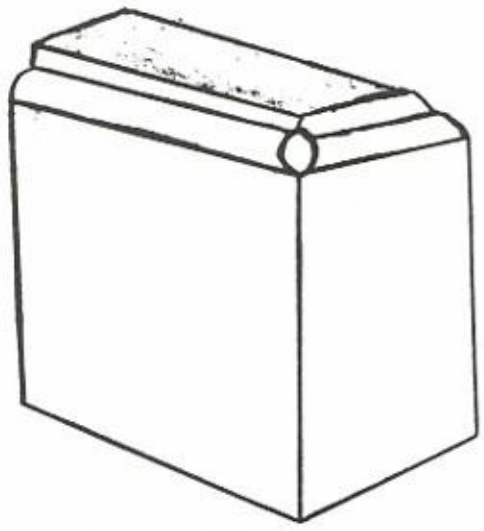

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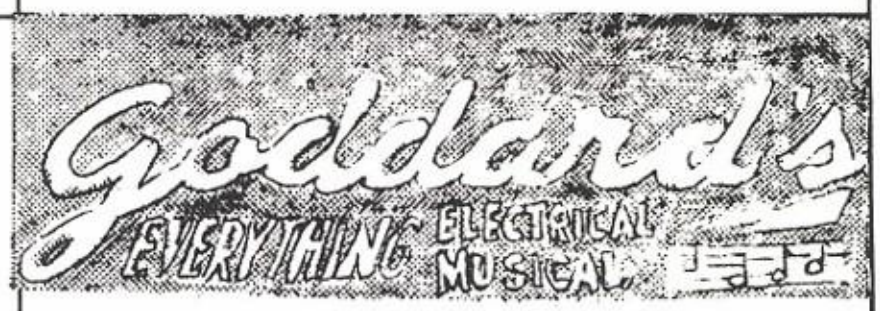

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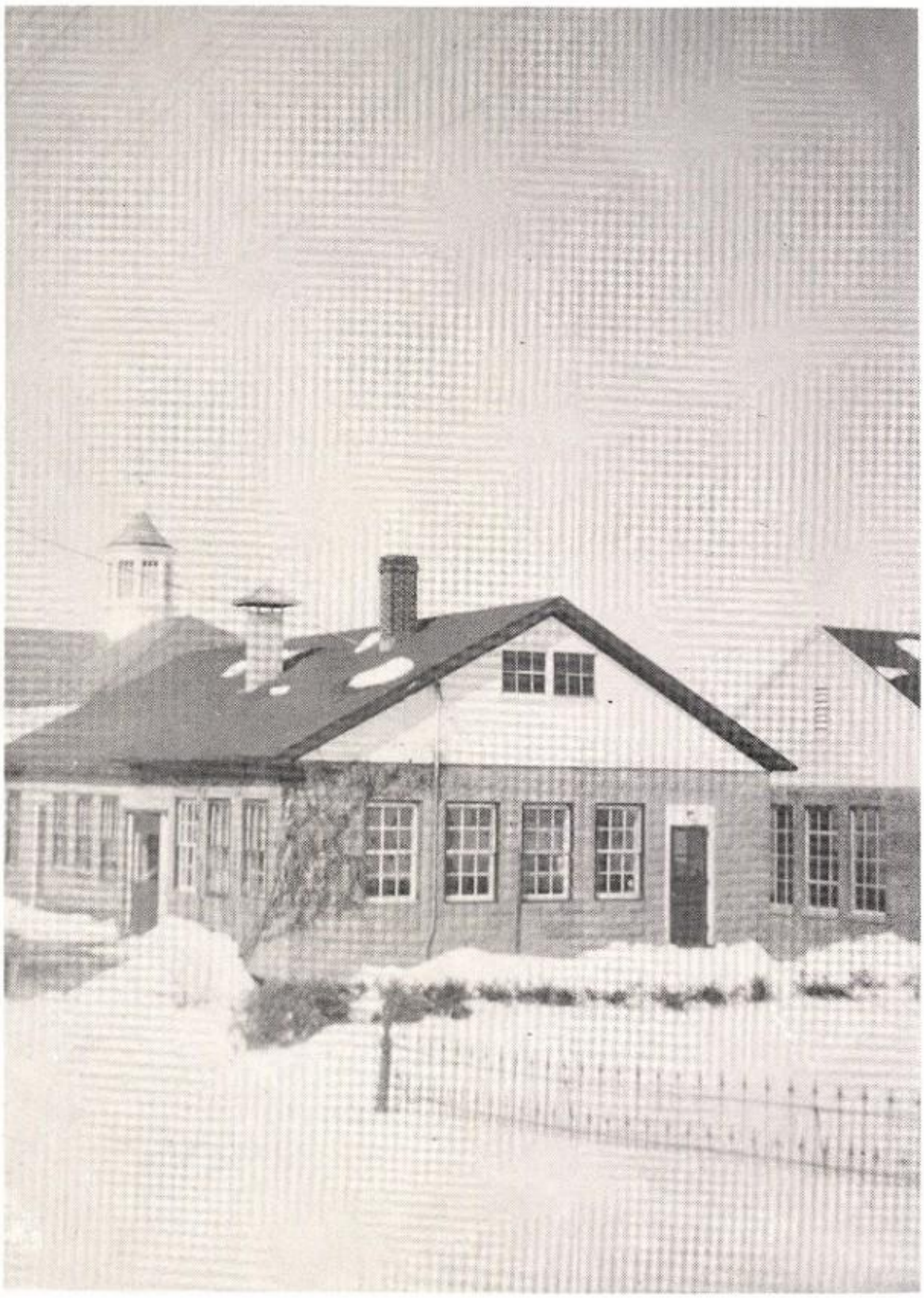

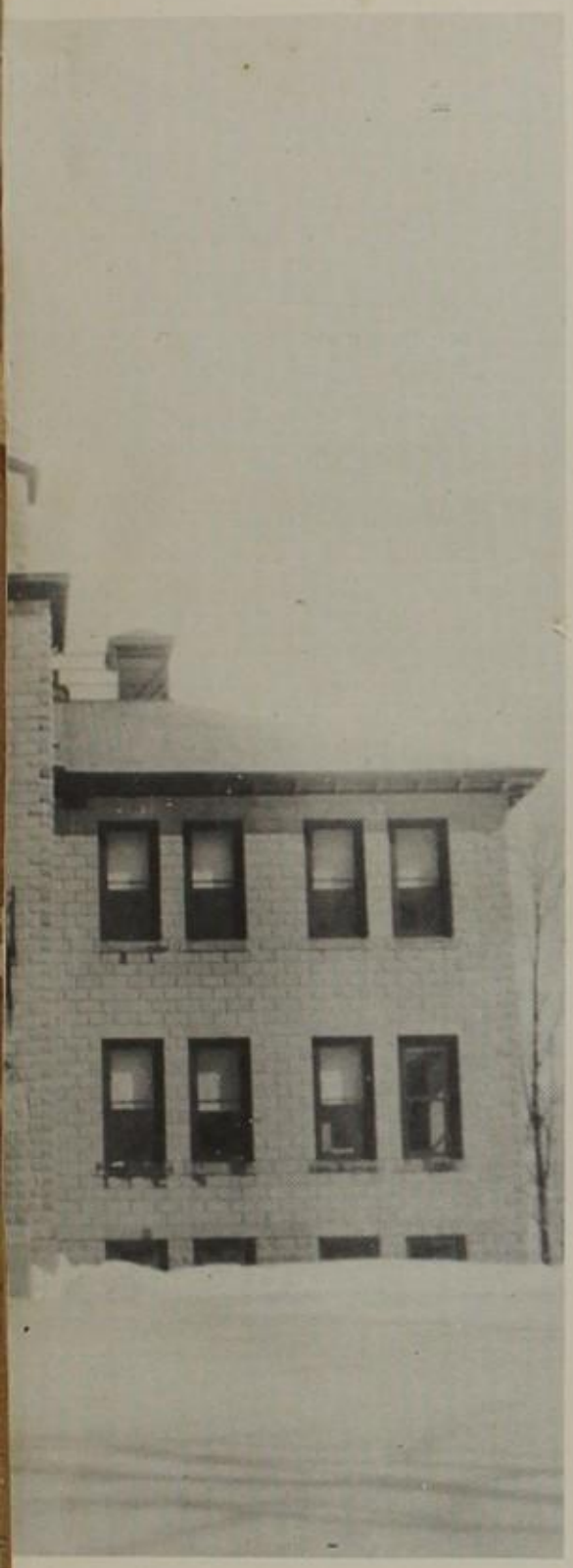

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